

In the Claims

E3 --137. A first security system, comprising spoiling means for spoiling the contents of a container in the event of an attack in which the container is a portable container and the first security system further comprises locking means for locking the first security system onto the portable container to be protected during transportation, control means for controlling the operation of the locking means and the spoiling means and communication means for exchanging data with a second security system such that the first security system can validate with the second security system that either one of the first or second security systems is protecting the container before the other one of the first and second of the security systems relinquishes responsibility for protecting the container wherein the control means includes a local memory and power supply and at least one of an accelerometer, compass, inertial guidance system and temperature sensor so as to detect if the container is being moved in an inappropriate direction or if an attempt is being made to defeat the security system using a hot torch or extreme cold--

Remarks

In the response to the Office Action of October 1, 2002 claims 129 and 135 were objected to as not supported by the drawings and the specification, respectively. Applicant now submits new independent claim 137 which combines originally filed claims 123, 129 and 135. The specification has been amended at page 137 to conform the specification and drawings to said originally filed claims. New Fig 17 is also added to conform to those claims and the specification has been amended at page 20 to reference the added drawing. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification and figures do not constitute new matter as they are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

It is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable, fully supported by the Specification and not shown by the prior art. It is requested that the claims be found to be patentable and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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